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Chen, et al.

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INTERVIEW SUMMARY UNDER 37 CFR 1.133(b)

In response to the Final Office Action mailed March 8th, 2007, Applicants requested a phone interview. The Examiner graciously granted Applicants' interview request. The phone interview was conducted on March 6th and March 9th, 2007. The Examiner and Applicants' Attorney discussed Gilhousen (5,625,876), the primary reference relied on by the Office in rejecting all pending claims. Also discussed was claim 1 and the meaning of the claim term "forcing always-softer reverse link handoff conditions", which is present in all pending independent claims. No exhibits were shown nor any demonstrations conducted.

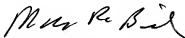
The Examiner and Applicants' Attorney agreed to a claim amendment that should place the pending claims in a better position for allowance over the Gilhousen reference. The proposed claim amendment involves replacing the language "remaining serving sectors of the

RBS" with "non-serving sectors of the RBS." The parties agreed that a response to the March 8th, 2007 Final Office Action will be filed by Applicants, including the agreed-to claim amendment. The Examiner agreed to fully consider the amendment if timely filed. Applicants also agreed to cancel dependent claims 4 and 13.

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